

and maintained their unique culture, language, religion and identity. Such an achievement stands as an inspiration for free people everywhere, and is a testimony to the depth, character and vibrancy of the Ukrainian culture.

The November 14, 1999, re-election of Leonid Kuchma as Ukraine's President is a cause for great optimism. High turnout in this election, and a refusal by the voters to return to a Communist past, speaks to the vibrancy of Ukrainian democracy.

With this election, the Ukrainian people chose to move forward with a program of economic reform. While the transition from a centralized economy to a free-market system has not been easy, Ukraine has been blessed with vast natural resources, a sizeable industrial infrastructure and a hard-working and resourceful people that promise to ensure Ukraine's economic transformation. The decision, this year, by the Supreme Rada to privatize large parts of the Ukrainian economy will further enable this industrious na-

tion to continue with its economic progress.

Ukraine's unique geographical location has given it a vital role in ensuring the peace and stability of not only the region, but of all Europe. Ukraine has shown its commitment to a secure Europe by providing troops to the peacekeeping effort in Kosovo, and by seeking to enhance its partnership with NATO. By entering into the Status of Forces Agreement with NATO, and hosting NATO military exercises in Odessa, Ukraine has reiterated its commitment to the world's most powerful military alliance.

At this time when we honor Ukraine's independence, it is only fitting that we laud the many advances made by the Ukrainian people in the past decade. The advances Ukraine has made today are built upon the sacrifices and dedication of countless patriots who have struggled to preserve the independence and freedom of the Ukrainian people. I am sure that my Senate colleagues would join me in sa-

luting the Ukrainian people for their tremendous courage in promoting free and fair markets and participatory democracy during a difficult transition period.

BUDGETARY AGGREGATES AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ALLOCATION

Mr. DOMENICI. Madam President, section 314 of the Congressional Budget Act, as amended, requires the chairman of the Senate Budget Committee to adjust the appropriate budgetary aggregates and the allocation for the Appropriations Committee to reflect amounts provided for emergency requirements.

I hereby submit revisions to the 2001 Senate Appropriations Committee allocations, pursuant to section 302 of the Congressional Budget Act, in the following amounts:

	Budget authority	Outlays
Current Allocation:		
General purpose discretionary	\$600,296,000,000	\$592,773,000,000
Highways		26,920,000,000
Mass transit		4,639,000,000
Mandatory	327,787,000,000	310,215,000,000
Total	928,083,000,000	934,547,000,000
Adjustments:		
General purpose discretionary	+55,000,000	+36,000,000
Highways		
Mass transit		
Mandatory		
Total	+55,000,000	+36,000,000
Revised Allocation:		
General purpose discretionary	600,351,000,000	592,809,000,000
Highways		26,920,000,000
Mass transit		4,639,000,000
Mandatory	327,787,000,000	310,215,000,000
Total	928,138,000,000	934,583,000,000

I hereby submit revisions to the 2001 budget aggregates, pursuant to section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act, in the following amounts:

	Budget authority	Outlays	Surplus
Current Allocation:			
Budget Resolution	\$1,526,401,000,000	1,491,494,000,000	\$11,706,000,000
Adjustments:			
Emergencies	+55,000,000	+36,000,000	- 36,000,000
Revised Allocation:			
Budget Resolution	\$1,526,456,000,000	1,491,530,000,000	\$11,670,000,000

MOTOR VEHICLE AND MOTOR VEHICLE EQUIPMENT DEFECT NOTIFICATION IMPROVEMENT ACT

Mr. GORTON. Madam President, I join Senator McCain today as an original cosponsor of the Motor Vehicle Equipment Defect Notification Improvement Act. This measure, aimed at increasing consumer protections, is a great first step in addressing current statutory shortfalls.

The controversy surrounding the ongoing Ford/Firestone recall brought to light several deficiencies regarding the processes that are in place currently. A combination of increasing penalties, upgrading standards, and requiring more stringent disclosure should afford

consumers the protections they deserve.

Let me assure my colleagues that this is a work in progress. I look forward to receiving input from all interested parties as I work with Senator McCain to ensure that we learn from our mistakes and move forward to strengthen the safeguards that protect public safety.

SUBMITTING CHANGES TO H. CON. RES. 290 PURSUANT TO SECTION 220

Mr. DOMENICI. Madam President, section 220 of H. Con. Res. 290 (the FY2001 Budget Resolution) permits the Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee to make adjustments to the al-

location of budget authority and outlays to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, provided certain conditions are met.

Pursuant to section 220, I hereby submit the following revisions to H. Con. Res. 290:

Current Allocation to Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:	
FY 2001 Budget Authority	\$2,429,000,000
FY 2001 Outlays	2,373,000,000
FY 2001-2005 Budget Authority	11,570,000,000
FY 2001-2005 Outlays	11,364,000,000
Adjustments:	
FY 2001 Budget Authority	200,000,000
FY 2001 Outlays	200,000,000